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COMMISSIONER

Subject: **Mowing, Regions 4 & 5**
State Pin No's: 017762.00, 017763.00,
017764.00 & 017765.00
Amendment No. 4

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

Question: Is there a maximum site slope angle that the tractor will be allowed to work?

Response: Slopes 2:1 and steeper shall not be mowed. Please refer to the Definition of Backslopes on page 37 of the Bid Book. Interstate Inslopes are typically 3:1, 4:1 or 6:1 slopes unless they are behind guardrail.

Question: If the tractor is not allowed to be on the roadway, is registration and inspection required for road use?


Response: Tractors may use the roadway to travel and to mow. Please refer to page 34 of the Bid Book, paragraph 1, lines 4 through 9 for when travel is allowable. Please read Paragraph 3, Line 3, page 34 of the Bid Book regarding licensing for highway use. Also review Pen and Ink Change 3 in Bid Amendment package # 1.

Question: Please explain why a Performance Surety Bond and Payment Surety Bond in the amount of 5% are required for a service contract (mowing)?

Response: I believe there is confusion here between a Bid Bond and a Performance Bond and Payment Bond. A Bid Bond is typically 5% and is submitted with the bid. This bond helps ensure that the low bidder will enter into the contract and not back out. A Bid Bond is not required with this contract. A Performance Bond is for 100% and ensures that the work will get done. A Payment Bond is for 100% and ensures that all bills are paid on the contract. A Performance Bond and Payment Bond will be required on this contract if the awarded base bid is greater than \$100,000.00.

Consider this information prior to submitting your bid on March 10, 2010.

Sincerely,


Scott Bickford

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